

GERMANY MAY GIVE TERMS OF PEACE MONDAY

Official Statement by Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg Seems Likely

BAVARIA PULLS STRINGS

Visit of Premier Hertling to Berlin Called Highly Significant

COPENHAGEN, May 10.

A special dispatch received here from Berlin says Doctor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial German Chancellor, will answer a peace interpellation in the Reichstag Monday.

The dispatch adds that the Reichstag will adjourn in the middle of May, but not to autumn, as is customary. Parliamentary objections to leaving the Government uncontrolled from the May adjournment until autumn have resulted in plans for a short summer session in July.

AMSTERDAM, May 10.—The Tjif's correspondent in Germany reports that parliamentary circles there expect the Chancellor's reply to interpellations with regard to Germany's peace aims will be rendered unnecessary by a more official statement on the subject.

LONDON, May 10.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam dealing with the Tjif's statement concerning Germany's peace proposals says it has been confirmed that Germany is about to make another peace offer in conjunction with her allies.

THE HAGUE, May 10.—The conservative paper Die Post, commenting on Eugen Zimmermann's statement in the Lokal Anzeiger that good news might be expected shortly which would make the Chancellor's position easier, says that this delicate utterance which has been telegraphed all over Germany probably refers to the Bavarian Premier Count Hertling's visit to Berlin, where he is to preside over the Federal Council's committee on foreign affairs when the Chancellor is expected to make an announcement.

Count Hertling recently hurried to Vienna immediately after Count Czernin's second statement in the Fremdenblatt declaring that Austria was prepared to make peace with Russia on the basis of the status quo ante.

This leads the conservatives to suspect that the Chancellor is about to make a new peace offer. The Post says: "In any case if important events are about to take place this means of preparing the public would seem strange."

LONDON, May 10.—According to official information received in London a number of Turkish agents are at work in Switzerland with the object of assuring the continued existence of Turkey. Provided the Turks are not driven out of Constantinople, it is understood, a willingness is expressed by the Turks to allow complete freedom of the Dardanelles to all comers.

In an interview published in the Bund, of Berne, Switzerland, as forwarded in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, the Turkish Minister to Germany declared Turkey was willing to open the Dardanelles for Russia. The newspaper says the negotiations which led to the London agreement under which the Dardanelles were closed proved that this action was taken as a result of England's demand. Turkey, the Minister said, was ready to fulfill Russia's demands, inasmuch as Russia was not striving against the independence of Turkey.

NEW YORK GREETES FRENCH ENVOYS

Record-Breaking Throgs Wildly Cheer Victor of the Marne

PLAN BIG PROGRAM TODAY

NEW YORK, May 10.—Marshall Joffre, Rene Viviani and the other members of the French war commission received such a welcome as the city has never given to any other man.

No other demonstration in the city's history has ever brought forth the number of persons that greeted the victor of the Marne. Thousands were banded and massed around Battery place; they crowded every window of the skyscrapers along lower Broadway; they packed the sidewalks and the streets and stood for hours waiting in the cold wind and intermittent rain for a glimpse of the man who stopped the Germans.

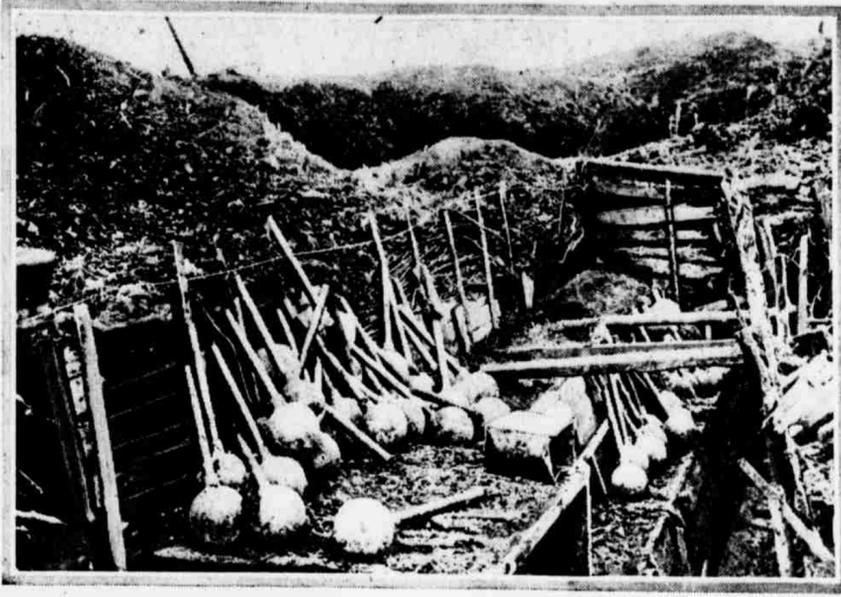
Only one other reception in New York's history was remembered, the welcome given to Lafayette in 1824. And next to Joffre Lafayette was the hero of today's demonstration. His living memory was supported by the presence in the French party of a lineal descendant, the Marquis de Chambrun, and Mayor Mitchell's welcome brought out applause only less than that given to Joffre.

The French commissioners were met on their arrival in the city by Joseph H. Choate and other members of the Mayor's committee. They were driven in automobiles to the City Hall, where Mayor Mitchell and Mr. Choate bade them welcome to New York.

M. Viviani's speech in response, telling of the spirit of France and her deathless determination, evoked repeated outbursts of almost frantic applause from the leaders of commerce, finance and learning in the city. But even this demonstration was surpassed when the Mayor presented the great Marshal of France. "The man who stopped them at the Marne," Mayor Mitchell saluted, but said nothing. Then stirred by the warmth of his reception he placed his hand again and again.

Tomorrow there is a formidable program awaiting the party from 8:45 o'clock to midnight, from Prospect Park Drant's Tomb. On Friday Marshal Joffre and the military members of the

GERMANS, FLEEING BRITISH, ABANDON AMMUNITION



British official photograph, typical of scenes along the western front at this time. It shows a quantity of big mortars and grenades in a captured trench. All about is disorder, mud, clay and shapeless mounds of earth.

PLEAS AGAINST WAR TAXATION FLOOD CAPITAL

Protracted and Bitter House Debate Expected to Begin Today

AVERAGES \$33 PER MAN

WASHINGTON, May 10. It is estimated that the receipts of the Federal Government, including postal receipts, for the next fiscal year under existing law will amount to \$1,500,000,000. The proposed war revenue bill is estimated to yield during a twelve-month period \$1,800,000,000 additional. This will make the total receipts of the Government for the next fiscal year \$3,300,000,000, or about \$33 per capita, as compared to Great Britain with a population less than half that of the United States, whose receipts, including postal receipts for the year ending March 31, 1917, amounted to \$2,790,000,000, or about \$80 per capita.

WASHINGTON, May 10. The war taxation bill will be called up in the House at 11 o'clock today. Chairman Kitchin, of the Ways and Means Committee, said that debate probably would run for several days.

As a foretaste of what may come later the bill proposes special taxes to raise \$1,800,000,000, in addition to the present normal annual revenue of \$1,500,000,000. When its terms are effective the American people will be paying direct taxes of \$33 per capita. The people of the British Isles—half as many—now pay per capita taxes of \$69.

While the principal features of the new levy are the increases in income and profits taxes, increases in internal revenue rates and increases of customs duties, many of its provisions reach the innermost structure of every home and make up a list of taxes probably the most formidable ever faced by the American people.

The household light, heat and telephone bills, admission tickets to amusements, fire

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FLUCKS ASSAILED AS TRANSIT FOES

Stern Denounces "Obstructionists" for Asking Governor's Assistance

CALLS THEM DISLOYAL

By a Staff Correspondent HARRISBURG, May 10.

The Flucks, Charles L., president of the Northwest Business Men's Association, and his brother, Frank W., were denounced by Representative Isadore Stern, of Philadelphia, today, as "transit obstructionists."

Stern took exception to the action of Charles L. Fluck in asking the Governor to postpone consideration of the Stern bill, validating the \$67,100,000 port and transit loan, which passed both houses of the Legislature with virtually no opposition. The bill received the undivided support of the Vane and McNichol factions.

About \$7,000,000 in bonds already issued on the basis of the loan, the legality of which was questioned by a taxpayer's suit instituted by Frank W. Fluck, are already involved in the situation created by the Flucks and would not pay interest for at least two years unless the Governor shall sign the Stern bill, or the Philadelphia Courts should dismiss the suit, Stern explained.

Another development in the transit situation here is the appearance of a bill sponsored by Representative George J. A. Miller, of Lehigh, which would empower the city of Philadelphia to construct independent

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BELL STATEMENT BLAMES CHIEF NYE

Ex-Attorney General Calls Loud Words to Stotesbury Unwarranted

DEFENSE OF FINANCIER

John C. Bell, former State's Attorney General, in a statement today gave his version of the verbal clash between E. T. Stotesbury and "Bill" Nye, United States Secret Service man in charge of the envoys' train, incident to the departure of the train for New York.

Mr. Bell blames Nye for the trouble and says the Stotesburys were doing nothing at the time to warrant the loud tones of the Secret Service man, who, he says, declared that the train would not be held for anybody.

Although the argument was primarily between Mr. Stotesbury and Nye, Mrs. Stotesbury, Mayor Smith, Mr. Bell and Captain Mills, head of the Philadelphia traffic squad, all joined in before the departure of the train ended exchange of words.

The trouble started shortly after the arrival of the envoys at the Reading Terminal station at 2:25. They boarded their train, scheduled to leave at 2:30, and shortly after Mr. Stotesbury stepped aboard with Mrs. Stotesbury, who was introduced by Mayor Smith to Marshal Joffre.

Just then Nye came out with his watch in hand and announced that there would be no receptions aboard, although this had been planned by the committee.

"NONE OF THAT" "None of that," he said, "I am in charge of this train and nobody can board this except members of the party. There will be no receptions. I am held responsible for the party and what I say goes."

Mr. Stotesbury, who had shaken hands with Marshal Joffre, requested Nye to permit Ambassador Jusserand to board the train and accompany them to New York. M. Jusserand was late, having been held at the Bellevue-Stratford, where the luncheon to the envoys was given, looking for his hat.

"Nothing like that," replied the Secret

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TEUTONS STILL RETAIN GRIP ON FRESNOY LINES

Canadians Drive Forward to Edge of Village, Now Under Fire

FRENCH SEIZE TRENCHES

LONDON, May 10.

The Canadians have not yet won their way back into the village of Fresnoy which Bavarian troops retook from them, but they have pushed to its outskirts and their guns are pounding the village to bits in preparation for another attack.

Canadian and other British troops counter-attacked the Bavarians and there was desperate fighting. When it ended the British had regained all the lost ground west of the village, but had stopped just short of recapturing Fresnoy. Despatches from the front say the Germans are barely holding the village proper.

German troops north of Fresnoy were preparing to attack the Canadian troops holding the line north of the village. British observers saw them massing in their assembly trenches and the artillery was trained on the only other fighting of the day was at Bullecourt and Gavrelle. The Germans bombarded Bullecourt and made small attacks, but were beaten back. The British are continuing their work of clearing out small German posts in the village, but neither army has full possession of it. At Gavrelle German attacks failed.

French troops made an excellent record for the day yesterday, capturing German trenches on a frontage totaling nearly a mile in two separate regions, and taking all told 300 prisoners. Besides these achievements in attack they went through a hard ordeal of German counter-attacks with complete success.

The larger of the French attacks was made north of Chevreux, which is northeast of Rheims. The French took first line German trenches on a front of two-thirds of a mile, sweeping down the slope to the Ailette Valley, and also protecting their left

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AGE LIMIT FOR DRAFT TO BE 30 OR 31 YEARS

Conferees Virtually Reach Agreement, But Are Still at Odds on T. R. Amendment

LIST OF THOSE SELECTED

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., May 10.

Preparations are being rushed at the camp here to take care of the 2500 men from Philadelphia and other cities of Pennsylvania, who begin the officers' training course Monday. A staff of almost 100 commissioned and noncommissioned officers has been working from early in the morning till late at night getting the camp in shape to quarter the men, and in order to prevent confusion they will arrive in three increments.

On May 11 the first increment will report here, followed by second and third detachments May 12 and 13. Notices have been mailed to these officers to report on these days, and they will be required to make way here as best they can. As transportation facilities are inadequate to handle such a large body, a single car every three hours being the best service offered from Lewistown to the camp, it is probable that a number of the soldiers will cover this part of the route on foot and await their baggage till it may be conveniently handled by the Niagara Gorge Railway Company.

Twenty-one new sheds to house the men are in course of erection, and fourteen of these are completed. None of the officers in training will be forced to sleep under canvas, a dozen substantial buildings being already on the ground fully equipped. Out of 2200 applicants, 700 have been rejected. The names in the following list include all those from Philadelphia.

Democrats Sweep Jersey City JERSEY CITY, May 10.—Complete returns from Tuesday's municipal election show that Jersey City's next commission government will be entirely Democratic.

Frank Hague, A. Harry Moore and George E. Brunsger were re-elected. The other commissioners chosen are Michael I. Pateri, and Charles F. X. O'Brien. Mayor Mark Pagan Republican ran seventh among forty-one candidates. Hague received the highest number of votes, 20,110, and probably will be the next Mayor.

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QUICK NEWS

U. S. MAY MAKE ANOTHER LOAN TO GREAT BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Another loan to Great Britain is expected to follow a conference Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British mission, had yesterday with Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Immediate results are also looked for as a result of a long conference Mr. Balfour had this afternoon with Mr. DeGama, the Brazilian Ambassador. The early entrance of Brazil into the war may be looked for, that country having already broken off diplomatic relations with Germany.

RECEIVER NAMED FOR EUREKA WHEEL WORKS

YORK, Pa., May 10.—Samuel R. Meisenholder was appointed receiver of the Eureka Bending and Wheel Works by Judge Ross upon petition of creditors. The company has assets of \$42,500 and liabilities of \$20,000, but needs working capital. Its plant is located in West York and employment is given to several score of persons.

"ONE RED CROSS WORKER IN EVERY HOME"—SLOGAN

BURLINGTON, N. J., May 10.—"At least one member of the Red Cross in every American home" is the slogan of the Burlington City branch of the Burlington County Chapter of the American Red Cross Society, which is seeking 1000 members. The county chapter has completed several cases of supplies for immediate shipment to the national distributing station in New York.

TRADE BOARD ASKED TO INVESTIGATE COAL PRICES

HAZLETON, Pa., May 10.—A. T. MacAllister, a Hazleton business man and former president of the Board of Trade, called the attention of the Federal Trade Commission to the advance of \$2.25 a ton in the retail price of pea coal by the G. B. Markle Company, which now charges \$5 a load. He also asked the commission to investigate the charge that the Lehigh Valley Coal Company refuses to sell fuel to dealers who heretofore got their supply at the Markle breakers but whose trade has been diverted to the Valley because of the abnormal Markle advance. The Valley claims that its regular trade needs all the fuel it can produce and that no new business can be accommodated.

EARLY DELAWARE STRAWBERRIES BADLY DAMAGED

BRIDGEVILLE, Del., May 10.—Strawberries will be badly damaged unless the cold weather stops soon, and already the early varieties are badly hurt. The cold weather has brought out the berry weevil, which has cut the buds as fast as they have formed. Unless warm weather comes soon the later varieties will also be killed.

ERIE ROTARIANS PLEDGE \$20,000 FOR Y. M. C. A. WORK

ERIE, Pa., May 10.—In less than fifteen minutes business men of Erie at a Rotarian meeting subscribed \$20,000 for the Y. M. C. A. work that will be undertaken by the associations of this country on the battle fronts of Europe. The donation came following an address by Justice Joseph Duffington, of the United States Court of Appeals, who came to Erie to tell the Rotarians of the work being done by the Y. M. C. A. and to make an appeal to carry on the work among the men in our army and navy.

PASTOR BUSY DRILLING, UNABLE TO PREACH

COLLINGSWOOD, N. J., May 10.—"Home guard drill" was the excuse given by the Rev. Dr. Alfred Wagg, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church here, for not being able to fulfill an engagement to preach tonight at the evangelistic services by the Lyon tabernacle ushers in the Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church, Camden. "I belong to the home guards and have missed the last three drills, and now I am determined to get in the rookies' line and get the first rudiments of the drill manual," he said.

TWIN BROTHERS JOIN U. S. ARMY AT NORRISTOWN

NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 10.—Norristown will send twin brothers to defend the United States. Among the enlistments in Company F, of Norristown, are the two eighteen-year-old sons of Harry Nuss, of Norristown. Seventeen enlisted in Company F, bringing the number to 115.

PERSHING'S CALL TO WASHINGTON STIRS GUESSERS

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Orders summoning Major General Pershing to Washington have aroused much speculation. Officials have declined to comment on reports that the General's visit is connected with the selection of a commander for a military expedition to France.

RUSSIAN GENERAL KILLED BY ASSASSIN'S BULLET

RIGA, Russia, May 10.—Major General Kartoff, commander of the Siberian rifle division, has been assassinated. He was attacked while walking near the railroad station. His assailant disappeared. The soldiers, among whom General Kartoff was very popular, deny the possibility that the assassin was one of their number.

COAL OPERATORS WANT PROHIBITION TO SAVE GRAIN

FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 10.—Conservation of the nation's grain supply and promotion of industrial efficiency through national prohibition were urged in resolutions forwarded by officers of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association to members of the West Virginia delegation in Congress. Members of the association operate holdings which produce 15,000,000 tons of coal annually.

90,000 TOTAL CANADIAN LOSSES SINCE WAR BEGAN

OTTAWA, May 10.—Casualties among the Canadian expeditionary forces from the time the war began up to Tuesday had reached a total of 89,843 killed, wounded and missing, according to a report made by the war records office.

BUCKS COUNTY LICENSE COURT WILL OPEN MONDAY

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., May 10.—Bucks County License Court will open Monday. It is expected there will be at least five remonstrances filed this week. So far, remonstrances are against these places: Gardenville Hotel, Gardenville; White Bear, Richboro; Black Bear, Richboro; White Hall, Newtown; Anchor, Wrightstown.

353 MEN IN PITTSBURGH JOIN FORCE FOR FRANCE

PITTSBURGH, May 10.—Officers in charge of the recruiting of the Fifth United States Engineers said that 353 men already had been accepted, and they expected that within a month the regiment would be ready for duty. Hallways leading to the office of Lieutenant Colonel Edgar Jadin in a downtown office building were crowded with applicants, many of them skilled railroad men and machinists.

ALLENTOWN GIRLS READY FOR WAR DUTY IN EUROPE

ALLENTOWN, Pa., May 10.—While Allentown and Catawquica have been giving a full share of their sons for war, the daughters are not a whit behind. In answer to a call which read, "Prepare to depart with the Pennsylvania Hospital base unit for somewhere in Europe," Misses Ruth and Lucy Krumanocher, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Krumanocher, of Allentown, left for Philadelphia. They are members of the Allentown Red Cross Society and have been nurses at the Pennsylvania Hospital.

SOME NEW TWO-CENT STAMPS BEAR FIGURE "5"

An error in engraving the regular issue of two-cent stamps has caused some of them to come out with a five in the corner instead of the two. The mistake was due to printing the stamps on the five-cent dies, and has caused local dealers to offer \$25 each for them.

U. S. SHIP FIRES ON SUBMARINE SAVES VESSEL

British Officers Praise Skill of American Gunners in Incident

U-BOAT SEEKS DEPTHS

Submerges Quickly as Bluejackets Begin to Shell Periscope

A PORT IN THE UNITED STATES, May 10.

The passengers on an armed American ship which has just arrived from a British port told how the keen eyesight and smart gunnery of the naval crew saved the ship and a big British freighter from being torpedoed by a German submarine on May 7, off the coast of Ireland. Twelve shots were fired from the ship in rapid succession at a range of 1200 to 1500 yards, and the submarine disappeared so quickly that it was impossible to tell whether it had been hit.

The rapidity with which American gunners fired was praised by British naval officers who were among the passengers on the ship, but they could not discuss the incident further on account of their position in the Government service.

Benjamin Russell, of Chicago, who was standing on the forward deck within six feet of the man at the port gun when the periscope was sighted, gave this account of the voyage:

"We sailed from a port in England at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, May 1, and owing to the fog we had to anchor for three hours at the entrance to the harbor. It cleared in the afternoon and the ship proceeded until 9 o'clock, when a British warship stopped us and advised the captain to return and anchor for the night, as submarines were very active and had shelled Belfast a little while previously. Several vessels had been sunk during the day. The captain turned the ship around and we anchored until 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

GUNNERS ALERT

"The news of the submarine activities given by the warships and the reports received by wireless from time to time during Wednesday, which were sent out by the authorities in Ireland, caused our gunners to be very alert when we got away finally."

"About 6:30 o'clock I was standing within six feet of the port gun when Murphy, a tall gunner, suddenly called to Naval Lieutenant Vossler, who was on the bridge with the captain, that he saw the periscope of a submarine on the port bow."

"We all looked quickly in that direction and saw the periscope was well above the water, about 1200 to 1500 yards away. Almost before I could realize what it was the port gun banged viciously and a shell passed over the periscope and dropped with a loud splash into the sea about six to eight feet on the further side. Six shots in all were fired from the port gun in less than eighteen seconds, and then the aft gun boomed out and fired four more shots in the direction of the submarine after the ship had swung her head round to starboard."

"The naval lieutenant in charge and the British officers were of the opinion that the ship's gunners had saved a big tramp which the periscope was sighting."

"The officers said there was no doubt that the submarine had come to the surface and was waiting for the tramp. When our ship's gunners fired at her, the German commander submerged at once to escape the shots. The tramp did not attempt to get away, but swung her stern and fired her four-inch gun in the direction our gunners were aiming."

"The firing did not last long, but the excitement was thrilling while the guns were booming and gave the passengers a faint idea of what a naval action was like. I am positive that only twelve shots were fired altogether, because I counted them, and this morning I saw the empty shells put down below in the magazine room."

"The British officers on the Eber said they could not discuss the anti-submarine campaign being waged on the other side, but they asserted that the U-boats had passed their maximum effectiveness, and would soon meet their fate."

All the passengers on the American ship who were questioned spoke in the highest terms of the actions of the naval crew, under Lieutenant Vossler, and also of the handling of the ship at a serious time by the captain."

NOTABLES ON BOARD

Among the passengers on the ship were Mr. Russell, of the firm of Nelson Morris & Co., of Chicago; E. Ariotta, General Gugliemotti and Captain Vanutelli, of the Italian Navy; Lieutenant Commander H. O.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally fair today and tomorrow; cooling; cool.

The Ledger thermometer at 11 o'clock registered 70 degrees.

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